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1. After the purge which followed the Nineteenth Congress of the Communist Party, local congresses are now to be organized in Georgia, Gagistan, [sic], Azerbaijan, Armenia, Turkestan, Bokhara, and Uzbekistan. The purpose is to select individuals who can give more encouragement to the Communist Party. Moscow has already sent specialists to aid in the choice of the new elements. The Moscow agents have been severely critical of the tactics of the local Communist Parties.
2. Nomad bands in Uzbekistan made an attack on a military detachment thirty kilometers from Buzan [sic], which is north of Turkul. This country is so wild that it is not possible to locate the scene of the fight more closely. The incident took place about mid Oct 1953. The nomads killed eighteen soldiers, apparently the total strength of the detachment. They stripped the bodies of arms, ammunition, uniforms, and rations, before fleeing into the steppes. It has not been possible to get a clearer identification of the assailants.
3. A transport plane coming from Lake Sevana [sic] fell in flames at Yeranos, which is not far northeast of Yerevan. The date was probably near the middle of Oct 1953. Nine persons aboard were burned to a crisp. The dead include Colonel Vlado Ostankov, Captain Eugene Karlinkin, and Inspector-Professor Mme. Olga Lubinskaya.

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